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| CRIME | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 1/1 | 10:05 | 25 | <p>WHILE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS DIDN'T KEEP POLICE TOO BUSY, POLICE IN FULTON HAD TO CHASE TWO MEN THEY SAY TRIED TO ROB FINALLY TAMMY'S RESTAURANT IN FULTON.</p> <p>JUST BEFORE 9 LAST NIGHT, FULTON POLICE GOT A CALL ABOUT A BURGLARY IN PROGRESS.</p> <p>POLICE FOUND 18-YEAR-OLD DEREK MARSH A SHORT TIME LATER HIDING IN A CLOSET NEARBY.</p> <p>PROSECUTORS HAVE CHARGED MARSH WITH FIRST DEGREE BURGLARY.</p> <p>THE SECOND SUSPECT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED, POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR HIM.</p> |
| CONSUMER ISSUE | KOMU 8 NEWS TODAY | 1/2 | 6:00AM | 17 | <p>OIL STOCK ANALYSTS SAY INVESTORS ARE GETTING WORRIED ABOUT THE SPREAD OF POLITICAL UNREST IN THE ARAB WORLD.</p> <p>THE PRICE OF OIL HAS FLUCTUATED OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS AND INVESTORS ARE WAITING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS IN EGYPT.</p> <p>PRICES HAVE RISEN OVER WORRIES THAT TURMOIL IN EGYPT COULD SHUT THE SUEZ CANAL...A MAJOR ROUTE FOR OIL TANKERS TO EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA</p> |

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| JOBS/ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 1/3 | 10:00PM | 24 | <p>THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WANTS TO CRACK DOWN ON OVERTIME</p> <p>A MARSHALL HABILITATION EMPLOYEE MADE AROUND 45 THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR WITHOUT OVERTIME BUT MADE NEARLY 99 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN OVERTIME ALONE DURING A TWO-YEAR TIME PERIOD.</p> <p>MISSOURI STATE AUDITOR SUSAN MONTEE BEGAN LOOKING AT A CASE LAST WEEK AND FOUND 40 EMPLOYEES ACROSS THE STATE MADE MORE THAN THEIR BASE PAY IN 2009.</p> <p>THE AUDIT WANTS THE OVERTIME TO BE DISPERSED AMONG MORE EMPLOYEES---HOPEFULLY KEEPING OVERTIME AMOUNTS LESS THAN SALARY AMOUNTS.</p> |
| CRIME | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | ¼ | 6:00PM | 1:20 | <p>((NATS: family members sobbing: "You got a family over there that deserves this case to be heard."))</p> <p>SANDRA OLEKSY SAYS HER BROTHER IS INNOCENT.</p> <p>"My brother's case demands a lot more review and definiately does not deserve an execution."</p> <p>OLEKSY AS WELL AS OTHER SUPPORTERS OF CLAY SAY HE WAS NOT GIVEN A FAIR TRIAL.</p> <p>THAT'S WHY THEY CAME OUT TO ASK GOVERNOR NIXON TO GRANT CLEMENCY TO CLAY.</p> <p>"I don't want my dad to be the symbol of how we knowingly kill innocent men in Missouri. The fact is I still need him. As the only son of Rick Clay, I ask you to stop his execution."</p> <p>"The Governor couldn't make a statement on camera, but he did release a statement saying this:"</p> <p>ONCE THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED, THE GOVERNOR WILL MAKE A DETERMINATION AFTER A FULL AND FAIR REVIEW.</p> <p>SOME SUPPORTERS SAY THE PROSECUTORS IN</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>THIS CASE -- INCLUDING FORMER CONGRESSMAN KENNY HULSHOF -- WITHHELD EVIDENCE DURING THE TRAIL.</p> <p>"Anyone that had an opportunity to review his case knows that there is a lot of injustice. My brother was wrongfully convicted."</p> <p>CLAY HAS BEEN IN STATE PRISON FOR 15 YEARS FOR MURDERING A MAN IN NEW MADRID COUNTY.</p> <p>SAMANTHA MCCLENDON, KOMU 8 NEWS, JEFFERSON CITY.</p> |
| GOVERNMENT | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 1-5 | 10:00PM | :45 | <p>"Our toughest challenge this year again will be the budget. The good news is that over the last two years we have made tough decisions. As many other states have fallen off the cliff, compared to most, Missouri is in good financial standing."</p> <p>DEMOCRAT MINORITY LEADERS SAY THEY SUPPORT SENATOR MAYER AND THE MAJORITY PRIORITIES AND WILL WORK TOGETHER AS A SENATE FOR A BALANCED BUDGET.</p> <p>HOWEVER THEY DO NOT BELIEVE SOME OF THE MAJORITY'S JOB CREATING PROPOSALS, LIKE MAKING MISSOURI A "RIGHT TO WORK" STATE, WILL CREATE JOBS. "You don't create jobs by making it easier for companies to fire people, you don't create by replacing a 25 dollar an hour job with two \$7.50 dollar an hour jobs."</p> |
| CRIME | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 1-6 | 10:00 | :30 | <p>COLUMBIA POLICE TOLD US TODAY THE NUMBER OF BREAK-INS ARE DOWN 70 PERCENT COMPARED TO LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME.</p> <p>SERGEANT MICHAEL HESTIR SAYS THIS YEAR THE DEPARTMENT CHANGED PATROL PATTERNS AS WELL AS INCREASED CRIME PREVENTION METHODS.</p> |

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| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 1-7 | 6:00 | 1:30 | <p>"I think we all know that Gary did not need to take this job three years ago, but he took it for the right reasons."</p> <p>SPECULATION STARTED EARLIER THIS WEEK WHEN THE U-M BOARD OF CURATORS ANNOUNCED A CLOSED MEETING.</p> <p>AND WITH ONE ANNOUNCEMENT...</p> <p>"We were advised by the President that he would be submitting his resignation."</p> <p>SPECULATION BECAME REALITY.</p> <p>"We respect Gary's decision and the entire University community joins us in wishing Gary and Sherry the very best for the future."</p> <p>"I anticipate this transition will be a smooth one. Thanks in large part to the talented colleagues that surround me at the system and on our four campuses."</p> <p>IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT FORSEE SAID IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE AS THE UNIVERSITY'S 22ND PRESIDENT.</p> <p>"We have enjoyed the opportunity to serve our State and help in any way we could during what has certainly proven to be a challenging time."</p> <p>A CHALLENGING TIME NOT ONLY PROFESSIONALLY, BUT PERSONALLY.</p> <p>HIS WIFE SHERRY'S CANCER TREATMENT CONTINUES.</p> <p>"After a long working career, LOTS of moves and working regularly from multiple locations, it is clearly time for us to get Sherry's next six months of treatment completed and to focus on our family and great friends."</p> <p>"It is a sad day."</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>CHANCELLOR BRADY DEATON SAYS FORSEE'S LEADERSHIP WAS LIKE NONE OTHER.</p> <p>"He brought tremendous ability and leadership presence and a willingness to look out across the state, listen to all parties, and formulate decisions and move forward."</p> <p>NOW THE UNIVERSITY MUST JUST THAT.</p> <p>MOVE FORWARD IN A VERY UNCERTAIN TIME.</p> |
| CRIME | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 1-8 | 10:00PM | 1:55 | <p>LATE TODAY INVESTIGATORS CONFIRMED.. THE DEADLY ATTACK IN TUCSON WAS AIMED AT CONGRESSWOMAN GABRIELLA GIFFORDS..</p> <p>(S/ Sheriff Clarence Dupnik / Pima County, AZ)</p> <p>"yes she was the target."</p> <p>THE TRIGGER MAN WAS 22-YEAR-OLD JARED LOUGHNER.. POLICE WON'T IDENTIFY HIM PUBLICLY.. BUT ARE NOW CONVINCED HE WAS NOT WORKING ALONE.</p> <p>"there is some reason to believe that he came to this location with another individual."</p> <p>POLICE AND FEDERAL AGENTS ARE STILL LOOKING FOR THE MAN WHO MAY HAVE BROUGHT LOUGHNER TO THIS TUCSON SHOPPING CENTER.. WHERE GIFFORDS WAS HOSTING A TOWN HALL MEETING..</p> <p>(S/ voxpop/ witness)</p> <p>"he was barging through the tables at the congresswoman."</p> <p>(S/ voxpop/ witness)</p> <p>"it was really surreal."</p> <p>UNFORTUNATELY THE SHOOTING RAMPAGE WAS ALL TOO REAL..</p> <p>SIX PEOPLE DEAD.. INCLUDING A NINE-YEAR OLD GIRL.. AND FEDERAL JUDGE - JOHN ROLL.. WHO HAD JUST STOPPED BY TO VISIT HIS FRIEND..</p> <p>THIRTEEN, INCLUDING GIFFORDS, WERE INJURED..</p> <p>THE EFFECTS OF THE MASSACRE.. REACHING ALL THE</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>WAY TO THE WHITE HOUSE.. (S/ POTUS / no super needed) "It is a tragedy for Arizona and a tragedy for our entire country." AND OFFICERS SAY IT COULD HAVE BEEN EVEN WORSE.. (S/ Sheriff Clarence Dupnik / Pima County, AZ) "he would have shot other people had he not been tackled by two people in the crowd." TONIGHT GIFFORDS REMAINS IN CRITICAL CONDITION WITH A GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD.. (S/ Dr. Richard Carmona / former Surgeon General) "it is with guarded optimism, I am hopeful that she will survive. it was a very devastating wound." GIFFORDS' HUSBAND.. ASTRONAUT MARK KELLY ... RUSHED TO TUCSON FROM NASA, WHERE HE WAS TRAINING FOR AN UPCOMING SHUTTLE MISSION, TO BE AT HIS WIFE'S SIDE.. FEDERAL AGENTS HAVE TAKEN THE LEAD IN THE CASE.. "utilizing all resources necessary to ensure those responsible are brought to justice." TUCSON SHERIFF CLARENCE DUPRICK BELIEVES HE HAS SOME SOLID CLUES.. CALLING THE PRIMARY SUSPECT -- UNBALANCED.. UNSTABLE.. AND PERHAPS INSIGHTED BY POLITICAL RHETORIC.. (S/ Sheriff Clarence Dupnik / Pima County, AZ) "inflaming the public... that may be free speech, but its not without consequences." CONSEQUENCES THAT HAVE HIT THE HARDEST.. IN ARIZONA TONIGHT..</p> |
| CONSUMER ISSUES | KOMU 8 NEWS | 1-9 | 10:00PM | :30 | HOLD ONTO YOUR WALLETs -- THE PRICE OF GAS IS ON |

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| | AT TEN | | | | <p>THE RISE.</p> <p>THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR A GALLON OF GAS HAS GONE UP 9 CENTS IN 3 WEEKS -- TO 3-0H-8.</p> <p>THERE IS GOOD NEWS...</p> <p>WE CHECKED, AND MID-MISSOURI'S GAS PRICES ARE A LITTLE BELOW AVERAGE.</p> <p>COLUMBIA AND JEFFERSON CITY COME IN AT 2-89 A GALLON.</p> <p>FULTON IS THE BIG WINNER AT 2-85 FOR A GALLON OF GAS</p> |
| GOVERNMENT | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 1-10 | 10:00PM | :32 | <p>DUE TO THE TRAGEDY IN TUSCON, CONGRESSMAN BLAINE LEUTKEMEYER SAID TODAY HE PLANS TO TALK TO HIS STAFF ABOUT SECURITY AT HIS OFFICES FOR ALL PUBLIC APPEARANCES.</p> <p>U.S. SENATOR CLAIRE MCCASKILL-- IN A STATEMENT SAID SHE IS LISTENING TO THE ADVICE OF MISSOURI LAW ENFORCMENT AS WELL AS CAPITOL POLICE.</p> <p>THE STATE CAPITOL IN JEFFERSON CITY DOES NOT HAVE SECURITY SCANNERS OR POLICE CHECKING VISITORS.</p> <p>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR PETER KINDER SAYS HE IS NOT RETHINKING HIS PERSONAL SECURITY PLAN, BUT SAID THOSE IN D.C. SHOULD TAKE NOTE.</p> |
| JOBS/ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 1-11 | 6:00PM | :30 | <p>THE CLOSING OF A MENTAL HEALTH UNIT IN MARSHALL MIGHT BE GOOD NEWS FOR FULTON STATE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES.</p> <p>FULTON HOSPITAL CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER MARTY MARTIN-FORMAN SAYS SHE IS OPTIMISTIC 43 JOBS THAT WERE SCHEDULED TO BE LOST COULD NOW BE SAVED.</p> <p>THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS TRANSFERRING A 24 BED DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY FORENSIC UNIT FROM THE MARSHALL HABILITIATION CENTER TO FULTON.</p> |

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| GOVERNMENT | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 1-12 | 6:00PM | :45 | <p>JIM AND ANGIE, IT LOOKS LIKE A NEW BUILDING'S NOT TOO FAR DOWN THE ROAD. THE BOARD SAID THE NEW FACILITY WOULD OPEN IN JUNE OF 2012 BEFORE THIS CAN HAPPEN, THE BOARD WILL FORM A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION TO ENTER THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT. THIS IS A ROUTINE PROCEDURE THAT ALLOWS THE BOARD TO STAY IN LINE WITH POLICIES. BOARD MEMBER'S ALSO DISCUSSED A FUNDING SHORTFALL FOR THE DISTRICT. THEY RECEIVED 5.5 TO 6 MILLION LESS, BUT EXPECT TO SEE MORE WITH AN INCREASE IN STUDENTS. ONE MORE HOT TOPIC TONIGHT... THE DISTRICT SAID THEY WILL SUPPORT THE CITY'S TIF PROPOSAL AIDING IN THE RENOVATION OF THE REGENCY HOTEL ON BROADWAY. THE PROJECT WILL DECREASE TAX REVENUE FOR THE CITY BUT THE SCHOOL'S WON'T LOSE A DIME.</p> |
| CONSUMER ISSUE | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 1-12 | 10:00PM | 1:10 | <p>THAT'S RIGHT ANGIE AND JIM THIS WAS THE SECOND YEAR LANDLORDS GOT TOGETHER TO HEAR DIFFERENT SPEAKERS TALK ABOUT HOW LANDLORDS CAN BEST RUN THEIR PROPERTIES---RENTAL PROPERTIES LIKE THE ONES BEHIND ME. ABOUT SIXTY PEOPLE MADE IT OUT TO THE COLUMBIA PROPERTY MANAGERS AGAINST CRIME MEETING TONIGHT, AND THERE WERE FIVE DIFFERENT SPEAKERS TONIGHT, RANGING FROM A POLICE OFFICER, TO A LAWYER, TO A PRESIDENT OF A</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>SECURITY AGENCY.</p> <p>THE C-E-O OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC HOUSING GAVE SOME TIPS FOR LANDLORDS TO KEEP CRIME DOWN AT THEIR PROPERTIES:</p> <p>SHOULD ALWAYS SCREEN TENANTS.</p> <p>HOLD REGULAR PROPERTY INSPECTION.</p> <p>HOLD TENANTS RESPONSIBLE--DON'T LET YOUR OTHER TENANTS BE VICTIMIZED BY AN UNRULY OR IRESPONSIBLE NEIGHBOR.</p> <p>A BIG ONE: DON'T LET UNAUTHORIZED PEOPLE LIVE THERE.</p> <p>ENFORCE ALL YOUR RULES FAIRLY. AND ENFORCE THEM EVERY TIME.</p> <p>I SPOKE WITH ONE COLUMBIA LANDLORD WHO SAID ONE SPEAKER ALSO GAVE HER SOME ADDED LEGAL KNOWLEDGE.</p> |
| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE | 1-13 | 5:00PM | 1:15 | <p>ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL IS ONE OF THE SCHOOLS IN THE A+ PROGRAM...AND GOVERNOR NIXON WAS IN OTTERVILLE TODAY TO RECOGNIZE ANOTHER SCHOOL FOR BECOMING A PART OF IT.</p> <p>47 STUDENTS ARE A PART OF THE PROGRAM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL.</p> <p>AND TODAY, THE GOVERNOR FOCUSED ON HOW TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO ALL MISSOURI HIGH SCHOOLS.</p> <p>NOW THE GOVERNOR'S FOCUSED ON 125 MORE SCHOOLS HE'D LIKE TO SEE PART OF THIS PROGRAM.</p> <p>SCHOOLS THAT QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM GIVE STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO EARN A SCHOLARSHIP FOR TWO YEARS OF TUITION AT A PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL.</p> <p>STUDENTS MUST MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO BE A PART OF THIS PROGRAM AND NIXON SAYS OTTERVILLE SHOULD BE PROUD OF ITS HARD WORK.</p> |

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| HEALTH | KOMU8 NEWS AT FIVE | 1-14 | 5:00PM | 1:54 | <p>FOR YEARS NEW MOMS HAVE BEEN TOLD EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF A BABY'S LIFE IS BEST.</p> <p>BUT CONTROVERSIALLY, A NEW REPORT IS NOW QUESTIONING THAT OFFICIAL ADVICE, SAYING FEEDING NOTHING BUT BREAST MILK MAY HAVE DOWNSIDES.</p> <p>AND MOMS SHOULD CONSIDER WEANING THEIR BABIES EARLIER.</p> <p>(S/ Dr Mary Fewtrell / Report author:18 - :29)</p> <p>"It's highly likely, given babies are all very different, they grow at different rates, the mother's milk has a different composition, it's highly likely that their need for solids is going to occur at a different point."</p> <p>THE STUDY SAYS BABIES WHO ARE EXCLUSIVELY BREASTFEED FOR SIX MONTHS COULD SUFFER FROM AN IRON DEFICIENCY.</p> <p>THEY MAY ALSO BE MORE PRONE TO ALLERGIES AND ARE ALSO LESS LIKELY TO TRY NEW TASTES AS THEY GROW...IN PARTICULAR GREEN, LEAFY VEGETABLES, WHEN THEY'RE MOVED ON TO SOLIDS.</p> <p>(S/ Sejal Karia, ITV News, North London :48 - 1:03)</p> <p>"Today's research says rather than keeping babies away from food for the first six months, if they're weaned early from about four months onwards, they might have a healthier diet as they grow older. Advice that's contradicted what new moms have been told for almost a decade."</p> <p>IN WHAT IS ALREADY A HIGHLY CONTENTIOUS ISSUE, MANY NEW MOMS WE SPOKE TO SAY THIS STUDY SIMPLY ADDS TO THEIR CONFUSION.</p> <p>(mos - mother1:13 - 1:19)</p> <p>"I think it's quite stressful especially as a new mom without</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>having any previous experience or anything about, because you're just bombarded. And a lot of it's conflicting."</p> <p>(mos - mother1:20 - 1:28) "Every generation they say different things. So I just think you have to follow the signs of your baby."</p> <p>BUT BREASTFEEDING EXPERTS SAY THIS RESEARCH STILL DOESN'T GIVE CLEAR ANSWERS AND THAT MORE WORK IS STILL NEEDED. (S/ Emma Pickett, Association of Breast-Feeding Mothers 1:39 - 1:47) "So at the moment hold off. Don't panic. Do what you're doing anyway. Follow your instincts. Follow the information you're currently being given by your healthcare professionals."</p> <p>FOR THE MOMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS STICKING TO ITS ADVICE TOO, THAT BREAST IS BEST FOR THE FIRST SIX-MONTHS.</p> |
| DRUG ABUSE | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 1-15 | 6:00PM | :29 | <p>ABOUT A DOZEN PEOPLE MET TODAY ON THE COLUMBIA COLLEGE CAMPUS TO TALK DRUG POLICY. COLUMBIA COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR SENSIBLE DRUG POLICY HOSTED THE EVENT TO SPUR SUPPORT FOR A NEW TAKE ON PUNISHMENTS FOR NONVIOLENT DRUG CRIMES.</p> <p>THE GROUP ECHOES THE OPINION OF MISSOURI CHIEF JUSTICE <i>WILLIAM RAY PRICE JUNIOR</i> WHO CALLED THE OVER-INCARCERATION OF NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS QUOTE "THE BIGGEST WASTE OF RESOURCES IN ALL OF STATE GOVERNMENT." GROUP FOUNDER DONALD WARREN SAYS NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS ARE A BIG PART OF THE PRISON POPULATION.</p> |

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| ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 1-16 | 10:00PM | :30 | <p>IF THE MAYOR GETS HIS WAY, FINES FOR PARKING METER VIOLATIONS COULD DOUBLE IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA.</p> <p>RIGHT NOW, THE FINE FOR HAVING YOUR PARKING METER EXPIRE IS 5 DOLLARS.</p> <p>BUT ON TUESDAY NIGHT, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS WHETHER OR NOT TO RAISE THAT FINE TO 10 DOLLARS.</p> <p>FINES FOR COLUMBIA'S 14-HUNDRED ON-STREET PARKING METERS HAVEN'T CHANGED IN EIGHT YEARS.</p> <p>ONE COLUMBIA RESIDENT WHO'S BEEN PARKING DOWNTOWN FOR MORE THAN 18 YEARS SAYS THE CURRENT FINE STRUCTURE TAKES THE STRESS OF HIGH COST OUT OF RUNNING BACK TO FILL UP THE METER.</p> |
| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 1-17 | 10:00PM | :26 | <p>AS NIXON WAS OUT ON HIS DAY OFF, SOME MISSOURI STUDENTS WERE CELEBRATING MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY IN CLASS.</p> <p>STURGEON R-5 WAS ONE OF A HANDFUL OF AREA SCHOOLS THAT CHOSE TO REMAIN OPEN TO MAKE UP MISSED SCHOOL DAYS.</p> <p>HOWEVER, WHILE MOST SCHOOLS HAD SNOW DAYS TO MAKE UP, STURGEON WAS MAKING UP CONSTRUCTION DAYS.</p> <p>ONE PARENT SAYS HE QUESTIONS WHETHER SCHOOLS TAKE THE HOLIDAY SERIOUSLY ENOUGH.</p> <p>BUT THE STURGEON SUPERINTENDENT SAYS HIS DISTRICT REMEMBERS M-L-K IN OTHER WAYS.</p> |
| JOBS/ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 1-18 | 6:00PM | :34 | <p>FORD WILL RETAIN NEARLY 3,750 JOBS AND BUILD A NEW VEHICLE AT A MISSOURI PLANT THAT WAS IN DANGER OF CLOSING.</p> <p>FORD IS ENDING PRODUCTION OF THE ESCAPE SUV LATER THIS YEAR AT THE CLAYCOMO PLANT NEAR</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>KANSAS CITY BUT WON'T SAY WHICH NEW PRODUCT IS REPLACING IT.</p> <p>IT PLANS TO INVEST 400 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE SITE.</p> <p>FORD SAID LAST WEEK IT PLANS TO ADD 7,000 WORKERS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS.</p> |
| HEALTH | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 1-19 | 10:00 | :25 | <p>LOCAL HOSPITALS COULD SOON SEE A CHANGE IN HOW MEDICARE PAYS THEM FOR CARE.</p> <p>A RECENT PROPOSAL UNDER THE NEW FEDERAL HEALTH CARE LAW WOULD REDISTRIBUTE A PORTION OF MEDICARE PAYMENTS TO HOSPITALS BASED ON PATIENT CARE AND SATISFACTION STANDARDS.</p> <p>THIS PROPOSAL WOULD PLACE MORE STRESS ON HOSPITALS, BUT SHOULD IMPROVE THE STAY FOR PATIENTS.</p> <p>THE PROPOSAL ISN'T FINAL YET, BUT BOONE HOSPITAL OFFICIALS SAY ANY PLAN IS LIKELY TO CONTAIN THE SAME ELEMENTS AS THE CURRENT PROPOSAL.</p> |
| GOVERNMENT | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 1-20 | 10:00 | :45 | <p>A FELLOW DEMOCRAT CALLED THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED TAX CUTS NOT ONLY PAINFUL, BUT DESTRUCTIVE.</p> <p>GOVERNOR JAY NIXON PROPOSED A 7- PERCENT CUT IN FUNDING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI IN HIS STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS.</p> <p>IT'S PART OF NIXON'S PLAN TO BALANCE THE BUDGET BY CUTTING 206-MILLION DOLLARS.</p> <p>NIXON'S CUT FOR THE U-M SYSTEM WILL TOTAL NEARLY 30-MILLION.</p> <p>STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS KELLY SAID THERE IS NO QUESTION THE PROPOSAL IS HARMFUL.</p> <p>WITH LESS RESOURCES THAN THE UNIVERSITY RECEIVED IN 2001, AND 17 THOUSAND MORE STUDENTS, KELLY SUGGESTED THE BUDGET CUTS WILL LOWER THE VALUE OF AN M-U DEGREE.</p> |

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| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE | 1-21 | 5:00 | :30 | <p>GOVERNOR JAY NIXON SAYS YOU CAN EXPECT A HIKE IN TUITION FOR STATE UNIVERSITIES.</p> <p>THE GOVERNOR ADDRESSED THE ISSUE ONLY TWO DAYS AFTER ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED SEVEN-PERCENT CUT IN STATE FUNDING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.</p> <p>NIXON SAID UNLIKE THE PAST TWO YEARS-- WHERE HE WAS ABLE TO PUSH FOR TUITION FREEZES-- THIS TIME IT SEEMS VERY UNLIKELY.</p> <p>OPPONENTS LIKE STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS KELLY HAVE VOICED THEIR OPPOSITION TO NIXON'S PLAN.</p> <p>KELLY SAYS CUTTING FUNDING IS LIKE CUTTING THE QUALITY OF THE EDUCATION.</p> |
| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 1-22 | 6:00 | :35 | <p>GOING GREEN WAS ON EVERYONE'S MIND THIS MORNING AS MIZZOU PLAYED HOST TO THE "9TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT" TODAY. ABOUT 175 PEOPLE CAME TO THE EVENT PUT ON BY THE MISSOURI VOTES CONSERVATION EDUCATION FUND.</p> <p>ORGANIZERS SAY ATTENDANCE IS UP FROM LAST YEAR.</p> <p>THE SUMMIT INCLUDED CHOICES OF DIFFERENT SESSIONS TO GO TO INVOLVING THE ENVIRONMENT.</p> <p>THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SAID THAT THE NEXT COUPLE YEARS ARE GOING TO BE A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT FOR THEIR CAUSE.</p> |

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| ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 1-23 | 10:00 | 1:15 | <p>90 MINUTES BEFORE GOVERNOR JAY NIXON TOOK THE PODIUM TO PAINT A VERY OPTIMISTIC PICTURE OF THE STATE'S SITUATION...</p> <p>...HIS BUDGET DIRECTOR WAS PAINTING IN RED. THE GOVERNOR PROPOSED SOME 300 MILLION DOLLARS IN BUDGET CUTS...</p> <p>THAT INCLUDED SLASHING 7 PERCENT FROM THE STATE'S PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. AND ASKING LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HOLD ONTO 100-MILLION BUCKS THEY COULD USE THIS YEAR...</p> <p>...AND SAVE IT FOR NEXT YEAR.</p> <p>THIS AS THE STATE'S ECONOMY -- AND TAX REVENUE FROM INCOME AND SALES -- RECOVER MORE SLOWLY THAN EXPECTED.</p> <p>NIXON, LOOKING FOR GOOD NEWS, HIGHLIGHTED COMPANIES --LIKE I-B-M IN COLUMBIA -- THAT PLEDGED THIS YEAR TO ADD OR MAINTAIN JOBS IN THE STATE.</p> |
| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 1-24 | 10:00 | :35 | <p>WHEN THE NEW MURIEL BATTLE HIGH SCHOOL OPENS NEAR LAKE OF THE WOODS, COLUMBIANS MAY BE WONDERING IF THEIR LITTLE ONE WILL BE A SPARTAN.</p> <p>THE SCHOOL BOARD IS GONNA TRY TO DRAW OUT THOSE....BATTLE LINES.</p> <p>IN MARCH RESIDENTS CAN GIVE THEIR OPINIONS.</p> <p>MURIEL BATTLE HIGH OPENS IN 2013, SO CURRENT EIGHTH GRADERS AND YOUNGER GET CAUGHT UP IN THESE BOUNDARY CHANGES.</p> <p>ABOUT 400 STUDENTS WILL ATTEND THEIR CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL UNTIL THEIR SOPHOMORE YEAR AND THEN BE MOVED OVER.</p> |

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| CRIME | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 1-25 | 6:00 | :30 | <p>I SPENT THE DAY AT THE COURTHOUSE AS THE PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE QUESTIONED 88 POTENTIAL JURORS.</p> <p>THE JURORS WILL HAVE TO VOTE A VERDICT WITH LITTLE HARD EVIDENCE.</p> <p>23-YEAR-OLD BECKY DOISY DISAPPEARED ON AUGUST 5, 1976 AND HER BODY HAS NEVER BEEN FOUND.</p> <p>A WARRANT WAS ISSUED FOR JOHNNY WRIGHT'S ARREST IN 1985 BASED ON STATEMENTS MADE BY THOSE CLOSE TO THE SUSPECT.</p> <p>AFTER 24 YEARS OF SEARCHING, POLICE LOCATED WRIGHT IN GEORGIA AFTER HE FAILED AN EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECK.</p> <p>IN MARCH OF 2010, WRIGHT PLED NOT GUILTY TO SECOND DEGREE MURDER CHARGES.</p> |
| ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 1-26 | 10:00 | :39 | <p>AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA IS DRAWING PRAISE ALONG WITH CRITICISM.</p> <p>THE PROPOSED PLAN WOULD FORM AN ORGANIZATION CALLED COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, WHICH WOULD EXPAND THE AREA OF THE DISTRICT AS WELL AS INCREASE REVENUES.</p> <p>HOWEVER, IF THE PROPOSAL PASSES, THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COULD ASK VOTERS TO CREATE A HALF-CENT SALES TAX WITHIN THE DISTRICT.</p> <p>THIS POTENTIAL TAX HAS SOME BUSINESS OWNERS UP IN ARMS.</p> |
| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 1-27 | 6:00 | 1:28 | <p>THIS FURRY GUY GOT A LITTLE ACTION IN THE CLASSROOM.</p> <p>THE STAFF AT PILOT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL STOLE SMOOCHES WITH A GUNIEA PIG, A COW AND A GOAT--ALL IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE MONEY FOR A</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>SCHOOL MORE THAN 30 MILES AWAY THAT WAS DEVASTED BY A FIRE.</p> <p>THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS IN SMALL TOWN MISSOURI.</p> <p>"I think there's a lot to be said for small communities in that respect...They pull together and help each other out."</p> <p>IN ALL, THE FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA STUDENT GROUP RAISED MORE THAN 600 DOLLARS TO DONATE TO LATHAM, A SCHOOL STILL IN NEED OF HELP.</p> <p>"Any donations we get will go towards replacing our library, which was a large loss for us."</p> <p>"It's been weeks since the fire that destroyed Latham R-5 school. But classes continue for its 60 or so students--just not right here, in the snow-covered, charred remains of what once was their school. For the time being, students are meeting in a Baptist church...about two and a half miles down the road."</p> <p>7000 BOOKS BURNED IN THE BLAZE.</p> <p>AND THE SCHOOL LOST ALL ITS COMPUTERS, WHICH WERE QUICKLY REPLACED BY DONATIONS FROM THE MISSOURI STATE DEPARTMENT.</p> <p>AND WHILE THE SCHOOL GETS READY TO MOVE INTO MOBILE UNITS IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, SOME STUDENTS FROM LATHAM VISITED PILOT GROVE TO HAVE SOME FUN TODAY...AND IT WASN'T JUST THE STUDENTS WHO WERE HAVING FUN...</p> <p>"And I've never kissed on a first date...."</p> <p>DAVID EARL, KOMU 8 NEWS, PILOT GROVE.</p> |
| DRUGS/ALCOHOL | KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE | 1-28 | 5:00 | :45 | <p>WE HAVE AN UPDATE TODAY ON THE METHAMPHETAMINE BUST LAST NIGHT IN MARIES COUNTY.</p> <p>MARIES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES DISCOVERED A LAB LAST NIGHT AFTER A LOCAL BAIL BONDSMAN RECEIVED A TIP ABOUT THE LOCATION OF A FUGITIVE.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>OFFICIALS FOUND WHAT THEY CALL A "LARGE SCALE AND SOPHISTICATED METH LAB, DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, WEAPONS AND SEVERAL THOUSAND ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.</p> <p>SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARRESTED LACY HIGGINBOTHAM, CHELSEY M. EVANS AND JAMES E. CZESCHIN</p> <p>LOCAL BONDSMAN VERN HUTCHISON SAYS THIS IS THE LATEST EXAMPLE OF CRACKING DOWN ON METH IN MARIES COUNTY.</p> |
| DRUG AND ALCOHOL | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 1-29 | 6:00 | :42 | <p>IN A DEVELOPING STORY -- MARIES COUNTY PROSECUTORS FILED CHARGES AGAINST THREE PEOPLE THEY ARRESTED IN A METH LAB.</p> <p>SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SAY IT WAS COMPLETELY BY ACCIDENT THEY STUMBLED ONTO THE LAB THEY CALLED "LARGE SCALE AND SOPHISTICATED."</p> <p>PROSECUTORS CHARGED JAMES CZESCHIN WITH FELONY POSESSION OF A FIREARM, ATTEMPTING TO MANUFACTURE A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND POSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.</p> <p>AUTHORITIES ARE STILL LOOKING FOR MITCHELL KRIEG -- WHO RENTS THE PROPERTY -- BUT THE MARIES COUNTY SHERIFF TOLD KOMU TODAY HE EXPECTS PROSECUTORS TO FILE "ATTEMPTING TO MANUFACTURE CHARGES" AGAINST KRIEG SOON.</p> <p>PROSECUTORS ALSO CHARGED CHELSEA EVANS WITH POSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA AND LACEY HIGGINBOTHAM WITH POSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.</p> |
| ECONOMY/JOB | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 1-30 | 10:00 | 1:00 | <p>ANGIE, AS WE HEAR FROM POLITICIANS ABOUT THE IMPROVING ECONOMY...</p> <p>MISSOURI'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE STAYED AT 9 POINT 5 PERCENT IN DECEMBER.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>LET'S LOOK BEHIND THAT NUMBER FOR A MINUTE.</p> <p>JOBS ARE A LAGGING INDICATOR ... BECAUSE SEVERAL STATISTICS ... MANUFACTURING, RETAIL SALES, CONSUMER CONFIDENCE ... THEY ALL HAVE TO RISE BEFORE COMPANIES FEEL COMFORTABLE HIRING AGAIN.</p> <p>SO, AS SOME OF THOSE STATS IMPROVED IN 20-10, YOU MIGHT EXPECT THE JOBS PICTURE TO IMPROVE, TOO.</p> <p>BUT THE MONTH WITH THE HIGHEST JOBLESS RATE IN 20-10...WAS THE LAST ONE.</p> <p>DECEMBER.</p> <p>MORE THAN 285-THOUSAND MISSOURIANS WERE WITHOUT WORK.</p> <p>THAT'S THE HIGHEST NUMBER SINCE EXACTLY A YEAR EARLIER, DECEMBER 2009.</p> <p>THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HAS BEEN ABOVE 9 PERCENT FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS.</p> |
| CONSUMER ISSUES | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 1-31 | 6:00 | 1:15 | <p>WITH LIMITED STAFF, FREESTANDING POST OFFICE BRANCHES LIKE THIS ONE IN COLUMBIA WERE OPEN NORMAL HOURS.</p> <p>AND AS SOON AS THEY OPENED THE DOORS, THE CALLS CAME IN.</p> <p>"We've had several calls today. People are concerned with are they going to get mail. This is the first of the month so there is checks that customers are waiting on and there is medicine that customers are waiting on."</p> <p>MORE THAN 20 MAILMEN TOOK TO THEIR USUAL ROUTES IN COLUMBIA TO MAKE THEIR DELIVERIES.</p> <p>THE POSTAL WORKERS COULD NOT THINK OF ANY WEATHER THAT WOULD STOP THE MAIL.</p> <p>"Unless there was some unforeseen nature of God that we would have to be closed completely. But as far as just being open, we will be open and we will make deliveries to the places</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>that we can make deliveries to."</p> <p>THERE ARE SOME STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO KEEP THE MAILMEN SAFE.</p> <p>"If you could at least, if you expect a carrier to come up to your door make sure you've got your ice off the door and off your steps so the carrier can make that. Up close to your mailbox, if at all possible clear the way so the carrier can make that delivery without getting stuck."</p> <p>AND AS LONG AS THEY CAN GET THROUGH WITHOUT GETTING STUCK, THE CARRIERS WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE DELIVERY OVER THE NEXT FEW DISSMAL DAYS.</p> <p>MARISSA VENTURELLA. KOMU 8 NEWS. COLUMBIA.</p> |
| CONSUMER ISSUE | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 2-1 | 10:00 | :59 | <p>NATS: Traffic</p> <p>SOME DRIVERS BRAVED THE ROADS...MAKING IT TO THEIR DESTINATIONS.</p> <p>OTHERS WEREN'T SO LUCKY.</p> <p>THAT'S WHERE DAVID DEBATES COMES IN.</p> <p>NATS: "1040 in route"</p> <p>HE'S THE OWNER OF TIGER TOWING.</p> <p>"We'll do unlocks, jump starts for cold weather, windshot service for people sliding off into ditches and stuff like that, and obviously accidents too."</p> <p>AND WHILE OTHER BUSINESSES ARE BOARDED UP, IT'S A BIG DAY FOR THIS COMPANY.</p> <p>"This is our busy time. Especially when we get stuff like this. It's been a good year for us."</p> <p>OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS, TOWING BUSINESSES WILL HELP STRANDED DRIVERS AND CLEAR UNATTENDED CARS.</p> <p>"You take a bag with you with a couple days' clothes in it."</p> <p>BECAUSE HE'LL BE WORKING ALL DAY AND ALL NIGHT, EVEN AFTER THE STORM PASSES.</p> |

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| | | | | | JORDAN RASCH, KOMU8 NEWS, COLUMBIA. |
| CONSUMER ISSUE | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 2-2 | 10:00 | :34 | <p>AN 18-WHEELER COMING FROM CALIFORNIA GOT STUCK ON I-70 EN ROUTE TO COLUMBIA'S LOWE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT STORE.</p> <p>THE DRIVER WAS TRYING TO DELIVER 700 SHOVELS.</p> <p>EAGER SHOPPERS HAD ALREADY LINED UP AT LOWE'S TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THE SHOVELS AND A FRESH DELIVERY OF SALT.</p> <p>LOWE'S ASSISTANT MANAGER SAYS HE'S BEEN OUT OF CRUCIAL WINTER SUPPLIES FOR WEEKS AND HE'S GLAD TO BE STOCKING THE SHELVES AGAIN.</p> |
| CONSUMER ISSUE | KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE | 2-3 | 5:00 | :40 | <p>THEY'RE NOT USING HUMVEES, BUT COLUMBIA LETTER CARRIERS ARE DRIVING AROUND COLUMBIA TODAY DELIVERING THE MAIL.</p> <p>THE COLUMBIA POSTMASTER SAYS ALL 98 CARRIERS ARE OUT DELIVERING.</p> <p>SHE SAYS CARRIERS WERE OUT YESTERDAY AND TUESDAY AS WELL.</p> <p>CINDY BOLLES SAYS THAT IN HER 31 YEARS WITH THE POST OFFICE, SHE HAS ONLY SEEN IT THIS BAD TWICE.</p> |
| JOBS/ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE | 2-4 | 5:00 | :15 | <p>THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FELL TO ITS LOWEST LEVEL IN NEARLY TWO YEARS.</p> <p>THE JOBLESS RATE DROPPED LAST MONTH TO NINE PERCENT, BUT ONLY 36,000 NET NEW JOBS WERE CREATED...THE FEWEST IN FOUR MONTHS.</p> <p>THE RECENT SEVERE WINTER WEATHER LIKELY REDUCED THE NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED.</p> |

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| GOVERNMENT | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 2-5 | 10:00 | :50 | <p>RIGHT NOW -- MISSOURI'S BUDGET CRISIS IS CAUSING CUTS STATE-WIDE...AND THAT INCLUDES FIRE SERVICES.</p> <p>BUT ONE GROUP IS TRYING TO GET SOME OF THAT FUNDING BACK.</p> <p>REPRESENTATIVES FROM "MISSOURI'S FIRE SERVICES ASSOCIATION" BROUGHT A PETITION TO THE WINTER FIRE SCHOOL THIS MORNING.</p> <p>IT'S DESIGNED TO PERSUADE GOVERNOR JAY NIXON'S OFFICE TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THEIR DEPARTMENTS.</p> <p>IN PARTICULAR, THEY'RE UPSET THAT MONEY FOR THEIR FIRE TRAINING IS NOT CURRENTLY IN THE PLANS FOR THE 20-12 BUDGET.</p> |
| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 2-6 | 10:00` | 1:05 | <p>LEIA TARBOX BARELY REMEMBERS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO GO TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>"It's gonna be pretty tough. I don't know if I'm ready for school again... I don't even know what classes I have."</p> <p>TARBOX'S PROBABLY EXAGERRATING ABOUT HER MEMORY LOSS.</p> <p>BUT SHE'S BEEN OFF SCHOOL FOR A WHOLE WEEK THANKS TO THE BLIZZARD.</p> <p>THE DISTRICT'S NOW CALLED EIGHT SNOW DAYS TOTAL... AFTER ONLY BUILDING SIX INTO THE SCHEDULE.</p> <p>SCHOOL'S NOW EXTENDED BY ONE DAY IN JUNE. SO MUCH FOR 'SNOW BREAK'.</p> <p>"I probably would have traded the snow days for extra time in the summer."</p> <p>"I would just rather be off in the summer. Because then you can go out and do stuff, and you're not snowed in."</p> <p>THE TREACHEROUS WEATHER FORCED MANY KIDS INDOORS LAST WEEK.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>SO 'SNOW BREAK' WAS NOTHING LIKE 'SPRING BREAK.'</p> <p>"Spring break was <i>a lot</i> better. Sunny beaches in Florida, and here it's "that" much snow. Fun times."</p> <p>A FEW ROCK BRIDGE FACULTY MEMBERS ROAMED THE SCHOOL THIS AFTERNOON.</p> <p>ONE TOLD ME THEY WERE ALL 'BUSTING THEIR BUTTS' TO GET READY FOR TOMORROW.</p> <p>AS FOR THE STUDENTS?</p> <p>"I'm ready to go back."</p> <p>DANNY SPEWAK, KOMU-8 NEWS, COLUMBIA</p> |
| GOVERNMENT | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 2-7 | 10:00 | :42 | <p>JEFFERSON CITY VOTERS WILL HEAD TO THE POLLS TOMORROW TO ELECT SEVERAL NEW CITY LEADERS AND DECIDE WHETHER THEY WANT TO INCREASE THE LODGING TAX.</p> <p>JEFFERSON CITY IS ACTUALLY ONE OF FIVE STATE CAPITOLS IN THE COUNTRY WITHOUT A LARGE STATE CONFERENCE CENTER TO HOST STATE FUNCTIONS AT... EITHER PRIVATE OR PUBLIC.</p> <p>FOR INSTANCE THE STATE BAR ASSOC. WOULD HAVE TO GO TO A ANOTHER CITY TO HOLD A CONF BC THERE ISNT A BIG ENOUGH FACILITY HERE.</p> <p>TO DATE THE CITY HAS TURNED DOWNED ABOUT 80 CONFERENCES IN THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS BC OF THIS.</p> <p>THE EXTRA 4 PERCENT IN LODGING TAXES WOULD GENERATE AROUND 600,000 DOLLARS PER YEAR WHICH THE CITY HAS PASSED A RESOLUTION TO PUT THIS MONEY IN A LOCK BOX ONLY TO BE USED FOR THE CREATION OF THE NEW CONVENTION CENTER.</p> |
| CRIME | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 2-8 | 6:00 | :55 | <p>ANGIE AND JIM --</p> <p>MISSOURI CHILDREN'S DIVISION HAS REPORTS</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>ON SWARRINGIM FOR THINGS LIKE LACK OF MEDICAL TREATMENT, UNSANITARY LIVING CONDITIONS AND PHYSICAL ABUSE.</p> <p>TODAY THE FORENSIC INVESTIGATION CONTINUES INTO HER BABY'S DEATH.</p> <p>IT HAPPENED MORE THAN A WEEK AGO, ON JANUARY 27TH IN BELLFLOWER.</p> <p>THAT'S EAST OF MONTGOMERY CITY.. WITH A POPULATION JUST SHY OF 500 PEOPLE.</p> <p>SWARRINGIM HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.</p> <p>HER CASH-ONLY BOND IS SET AT 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS.</p> <p>SHE'S THE MOTHER OF 2, THE SURVIVING CHILD ALSO UNDER THE AGE OF TEN.</p> <p>SWARRINGIM LIVED HERE... IN WHAT NEIGHBORS SAY IS A RENTAL PROPERTY.</p> <p>PEOPLE WHO LIVED AND WORKED NEARBY TOLD ME SHE HAS NOT BEEN AROUND LONG.</p> <p>THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT QUOTES THE MOTHER AS SAYING SHE LEFT THE ONE-YEAR-OLD IN THE BATH TUB WHEN SHE WENT TO CHECK ON THE OTHER CHILD.</p> <p>WHEN SHE CAME BACK... THE BABY BOY WAS NOT BREATHING.</p> <p>THE TEEN TOOK THE CHILD ACROSS THE STREET TO THIS NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE WHERE A RESIDENT CALLED 911.</p> |
| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 2-9 | 10:00 | :33 | <p>COLUMBIA SCHOOLS TALKED TODAY ABOUT A TWO MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET</p> <p>THE FIRST PROPOSAL THE BOARD LOOKED AT THIS WEEK WOULD CUT ABOUT 20 TEACHING POSITIONS AND THE SWIMMING AND DIVING PROGRAMS FOR HICKMAN AND ROCK BRIDGE.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>WHILE THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS DEALT WITH CUTS BEFORE, ONE BOARD MEMBER SAYS THE STAKES ARE HIGHER THIS TIME.</p> |
| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 2-10 | 6:00 | :42 | <p>MU HAS 19 OF THE 116 DEGREE PROGRAMS ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK.</p> <p>HERE AT MU, PROVOST BRIAN FOSTER TELLS ME THIS IS SOMETHING UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES DO ALL THE TIME.</p> <p>HE SAYS MU IS SIMPLY RECONFIGURING, MERGING, AND MODIFYING MANY DEGREE PROGRAMS TO FIT WITH PREVIOUS BUDGET CUTS.</p> <p>MU STARTED THE PROCESS OF CONSOLIDATING LOW-PRODUCING DEGREE PROGRAMS WITH 69 PROGRAMS.</p> <p>THESE 19 THAT HAVE BEEN NARROWED DOWN ARE A LOT OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND SCIENCE PROGRAMS.</p> <p>BUT THE PROVOST TELLS ME NO JOBS WILL BE LOST... BECAUSE MANY STUDENTS ARE STILL REQUIRED TO TAKE CLASSES WITHIN THESE PROGRAMS AS UNDERGRADUATE REQUIREMENTS.</p> <p>STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THESE PROGRAMS WILL BE ALLOWED TO FINISH OUT THEIR DEGREES.</p> <p>REPORTING LIVE IN COLUMBIA, ALISON ARCHER, KOMU 8 NEWS.</p> |
| HEALTH | KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE | 2-11 | 5:00 | :18 | <p>AND IN FLORIDA- HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE LINE OUT THE DOORS OF A DENTAL CLINIC FOR FREE HEALTH CARE.</p> <p>PEOPLE CAMPED OUT FOR HOURS FOR FREE DENTAL SERVICE.</p> <p>SOME HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS, SOME DON'T HAVE INSURANCE AND OTHERS SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD IT.</p> |

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| | | | | | FOURTEEN DENTISTS ARE WORKING FOR FREE TO PROVIDE CARE TO MORE THAN FIVE-HUNDRED PATIENTS. |
| HEALTH | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 2-12 | 6:00 | :32 | <p>A MAN IS IN JAIL TODAY AFTER A BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY ARRESTED HIM FOR POSESSION OF MARIJUANA .</p> <p>IT STARTED OUT AS A REGISTRATION VIOLATION. THAT'S WHY THE DEPUTY ORIGINALLY PULLED OVER THE CAR GERALD WOLFE WAS RIDING IN.</p> <p>BUT THE OFFICIAL LEARNED THERE WAS AN OUTSTANDING WARRANT FOR WOLFE'S ARREST.</p> <p>DURING A SEARCH...THE DEPUTY FOUND SMALL PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA ON WOLFE.</p> <p>THE DEPUTY ARRESTED HIM FOR THE WARRANT...AND A FELONY DRUG CHARGE.</p> <p>WOLFE IS NOW IN THE BOONE COUNTY JAIL ON 25 THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND FOR THE WARRANT.</p> <p>OFFICIALS HAVEN'T SET THE BOND FOR HIS NEWEST CHARGE YET.</p> |
| CONSUMER ISSUES | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 2-13 | 10:00 | :59 | <p>IT'S NOT CHRISTMAS.</p> <p>BUT VALENTINE'S DAY IS STILL THE SECOND-BIGGEST DAY OF THE YEAR FOR THE JEWELRY BUSINESS</p> <p>"This Valentine's Day proves to be the same as last year, as in, yes, we're hoping for a record Valentine's Day this year."</p> <p>IRISH SAID HIS EXTENDED SUNDAY HOURS HAVE ALREADY PAID OFF PROFIT-WISE.</p> <p>AND HIS STORE ESPECIALLY BENEFITS FROM VALENTINE'S DAY... BECAUSE STUDIES SHOW MEN SPEND MORE THAN TWICE AS MUCH MONEY DURING THE HOLIDAY THAN WOMEN.</p> <p>"Men have been coming in from different price points..</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>and this year we've been blessed with traffic."</p> <p>BUT WHY DO MEN SPEND MORE MONEY DURING VALENTINE'S DAY? THE ANSWERS IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA WERE HARDLY SURPRISING.</p> <p>"Men are usually at the last second like like, hey, I gotta get this girl a little gift... so that's probably why they spend more money."</p> <p>"I'd say men spend more money than women because women expect more presents."</p> <p>IRISH DID SAY SOME FEMALE CUSTOMERS SHOP FOR MEN AT THE STORE.</p> <p>BUT HE SAID THAT'S NOT HAPPENING AS OFTEN AS IT USED TO.</p> <p>DANNY SPEWAK, KOMU-8 NEWS, COLUMBIA.</p> |
| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 2-14 | 10:00 | :28 | <p>THE ROOM WAS PACKED TONIGHT AT THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.</p> <p>MANY HICKMAN AND ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMERS, DIVERS, PARENTS COACHES AND ALUMNI CAME BY TO TELL THE BOARD HOW IMPORTANT THE SWIMMING PROGRAM IS TO THEM.</p> <p>SUPERINTENDENT CHRIS BELCHER SAID THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 19 MILLION DOLLARS IN CUTS OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.</p> <p>HE SAID HE KNOWS EVERYBODY WANTS TO SEE ALL THE PROGRAMS STAY, SO HE ENCOURAGES EVERYONE TO HELP AND PROVIDE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.</p> |
| JOBS/ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 2-15 | 10:00 | :33 | <p>900 NEW JOBS ARE ON THE HORIZON FOR CENTRAL MISSOURI.</p> <p>M-F-A OIL OF COLUMBIA ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A NEW COMPANY - MFA BIOMASS - IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ALOTERRA ENERGY. LOCAL FARMERS WILL HARVEST AN EASY-TO-GROW GRASS</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>CROP.</p> <p>THE COMPANY WILL THEN TURN THE GRASS INTO BIOFUELS LIKE ETHANOL.</p> <p>100 JOBS WILL GO TO A CONVERSION PLANT AND THE OTHERS WILL BE IN FARMER SUPPORT SERVICES.</p> |
| GOVERNMENT | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 2-16 | 10:00 | :31 | <p>BACK BEHIND ME IN THE CAPITOL EARLIER TODAY, SCHWEICH SAID HIS TWO NEW PLANS ARE AN EFFORT TO MAKE THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE FASTER THAN EVER BEFORE.</p> <p>HIS FIRST PLAN IS A RAPID RESPONSE PROGRAM, CALLED A-S-A-P.</p> <p>IT WILL FOCUS ON SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD, WASTE OR ABUSE.</p> <p>SCHWEICH SAYS THIS WILL ALLOW THE STATE TO GO IN IMMEDIATELY TO FIND PROBLEMS.</p> <p>THE OTHER PROGRAM IS A FOLLOW-UP TEAM CALLED "AFTER."</p> <p>SCHWEICH SAYS THAT TEAM WILL ENSURE AGENCIES TAKE THE STATE'S AUDIT RECCOMENDATIONS IN A TIMELY MATTER.</p> <p>REPORTING LIVE IN JEFFERSON CITY, LISA HART, KOMU 8 NEWS.</p> |
| CRIME | KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE | 2-17 | 5:00 | :28 | <p>A COLE COUNTY JUDGE CLOSED HEARINGS TODAY AND PUSHED BACK THE TRIAL FOR 17 YEAR OLD ALYSSA BUSTAMANTE, WHO IS ACCUSED OF KIILLING A 9-YEAR OLD GIRL.</p> <p>BUSTAMANTE WAS SCHEDULED TO GO ON TRIAL AS AN ADULT FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER ON MAY SIXTEENTH.</p> <p>NOW, JURY SELECTION FOR THE TRIAL WILL START JUNE FIRST.</p> |

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| | | | | | THE JUDGE ALSO ORDERED THAT HEARINGS ON POSSIBLE EVIDENCE WILL ONLY BE OPEN TO PEOPLE WITH "A RIGHT TO BE PRESENT," AND BARRED ANY RECORDING OR PHOTOGRAPHING OF THE EVIDENCE HEARINGS. |
| HEALTH | KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE | 2-18 | 5:00 | :26 | <p>THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION SAYS A DRUG USED TO PREVENT PRE-TERM BIRTH MAY BE HARMFUL TO THE MOTHER'S HEALTH.</p> <p>.THE DRUG IS CALLED TERBUTALINE, ("ter-BYOO-tuh-leen") AND IT'S OFTEN GIVEN TO PREGNANT WOMEN OFF-LABEL AS A WAY TO PREVENT PREMATURE DELIVERY.</p> <p>BUT THE F-D-A HAS ISSUED ITS STRONGEST WARNING -- SAYING THE DRUG MAY INCREASE THE RISK FOR HEART PROBLEMS AND EVEN DEATH IN THE MOTHER.</p> <p>THE LABEL WARNS DOCTORS NOT TO GIVE THE DRUG TO PREGNANT WOMEN FOR MORE THAN THREE DAYS</p> |
| ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 2-19 | 6:00 | :23 | <p>NEW NUMBERS SHOW MISSOURI TOURISM WAS DOWN IN 20-10.</p> <p>NOW STATE OFFICIALS ARE ASKING LAWMAKERS TO GIVE THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT MORE MONEY FOR MARKETING TO ATTRACT MORE VISITORS TO THE STATE.</p> <p>GOVERNOR NIXON HAS RECOMMENDED THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM RECEIVE 13 POINT 4 MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR -- THE SAME AMOUNT AS LAST.</p> <p>BUT TOURISM OFFICIALS SAY THEY NEED 16-MILLION FOR MARKETING, TO ATTRACT MORE VISITORS TO THE STATE.</p> |
| ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS | 2-20 | 10:00 | 1:00 | NOW, THE NATIONAL ECONOMY... |

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| | AT TEN | | | | <p>WHERE MAJOR INDICATORS CONTINUE TO POINT IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS. EVEN THOUGH PRICES ON GROCERIES AND GAS ARE RISING, A BLOOMBERG SURVEY INDICATES ORDERS FOR DURABLE GOODS LIKE APPLIANCES INCREASED 3 PERCENT IN JANUARY. DURABLE GOODS ARE A LEADING INDICATOR BECAUSE UNLIKE SMALLER ITEMS AT THE GROCERY STORE, THEY COST A LOT. WHEN PEOPLE START FEELING MORE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE ECONOMY, THEY MAKE MORE BIG-TICKET PURCHASES.</p> |
| ECONOMY/JOBS | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 2-21 | 10:00 | :27 | <p>THERE ARE ONLY A FEW MORE WEEKS UNTIL THE SCHOLASTIC CALL CENTER IN MOBERLY CLOSES ITS DOORS. BUT MORE JOBS ARE COMING TO THE AREA. MAMTEK U.S. IS CURRENTLY BUILDING A FACILITY TO MAKE ARTIFICIAL SWEETENER. THE COMPANY WILL HIRE 180 WORKERS INITIALLY AND UP TO 600 WHEN THE PROJECT IS FULLY OPERATIONAL. WORKERS WILL FINISH THE PROJECT BY AUGUST 1ST. ONCE OPEN, IT WILL OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS, RANGING FROM SECURITY TO ENGINEERING.</p> |
| HEALTH | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 2-22 | 10:00 | :34 | <p>THE VETERANS HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE PROGRAM GIVES MISSOURI VETS A WAY TO CONFIDENTIALLY COMMENT ON THEIR DOCTOR VISITS. THIS IS THE TWO-PAGE SURVEY. IT ASKS PATIENTS THINGS LIKE HOW EASY IT WAS TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, HOW WELL THE STAFF COMMUNICATED WITH THEM, AND WHETHER OR NOT</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>SANITATION PROBLEMS AT A ST. LOUIS V-A HOSPITAL PROMPTED THE PROGRAM.</p> <p>SO, MCCASKILL SPOKE THERE TODAY SAYING SHE HOPES THE SURVEYS WILL IMPROVE V-A HEALTHCARE PROBLEMS.</p> <p>THE V-A HOSPITAL SPOKESPERSON SAYS HE LOOKS FORWARD TO GETTING MORE FEEDBACK FROM THE SURVEYS.</p> <p>BUT NOT ALL VETERANS WANT TO FILL THEM OUT.</p> |
| GOVERNMENT | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 2-23 | 10:00 | 1:15 | <p>"(APPLAUSE) Next?"</p> <p>WHILE PROTESTS AGAINST MOAMMAR GHADAFI CONTINUE AROUND THE WORLD, MISSOURI DEMOCRATIC SENATOR CLAIRE MCCASKILL TALKED TO COLUMBIA RESIDENTS ABOUT PERTINENT POLITICAL ISSUES.</p> <p>FOR AHMED EL-TAYASH, REMOVING THE LIBYAN LEADER WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE.</p> <p>SO HE ASKED, HIS VOICE HOARSE FROM THE PROTEST, BUT DIDN'T LIKE WHAT HE HEARD BACK.</p> <p>"honestly, the first answer that she gave me felt like she was giving me a political answer.</p> <p>There's stuff we don't know...secret things...we're working on it...that didn't work for me"</p> <p>SO HE ASKED AGAIN, THIS TIME WITH A PROMISE OF ACTION FROM THE DEMOCRAT.</p> <p>"If she's serious about taking that message to the white house, then i'm satisfied with her answer."</p> <p>AFTER THE MEETING, MCCASKILL SAID THAT ACTION MIGHT NOT BE THE ACTION EL-TAYASH IS LOOKING FOR.</p> <p>"But sometimes exerting political pressure is more effectively done in the area of foreign policy.</p> <p>Over the phone, and in rooms far away, not on the front page of the newspaper."</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>AND WHILE U.S. POLITICIANS CONTINUE TO TEST THE WATER, THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT SLIPS FURTHER FROM POWER.</p> <p>LAURA HIBBARD, KOMU 8 NEWS, COLUMBIA.</p> |
| GOVERNMENT | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 2-24 | 6:00 | 1:06 | <p>((NATS-RAINFALL))</p> <p>ON A GLOOMY DAY, SOME LEGISLATORS PREPARE TO LEAVE THE CONFINES OF THE CAPITOL.</p> <p>((NAT BRIDGE-GAVEL))</p> <p>IN THE BATTLE OVER MOVING CONGRESSIONAL LINES IN MISSOURI.</p> <p>"Reducing from 9 to 8, those are things of general interest across the state."</p> <p>SO LAWMAKERS WILL TRAVEL--HOLDING COMMITTEE HEARINGS IN CITIES RANGING FROM POPLAR BLUFF, TO ST.LOUIS.</p> <p>"That's one of the great things that makes our state great is that normal citizens like you or I can participate in drawing house districts every 10 years."</p> <p>ST. LOUIS DEMOCRAT TISHAURA JONES SAYS HER HOME IS IN THE CROSSHAIRS.</p> <p>"We've all be anticipating that if Missouri lost population, we would lose a congressional seat."</p> <p>((GFX)) THE G-O-P-LED LEGISLATURE MUST NOW PRODUCE A BILL GOVERNOR NIXON WILL SIGN BY THE END OF THE SESSION.</p> <p>IF THERE'S NO AGREEMENT BY THEN, THE GOVERNOR WOULD LIKELY CALL A SPECIAL SESSION.</p> <p>"I believe we have an obligation to the citizens to reach uh, some sort of agreement between the house and the senate before we adjourn."</p> <p>OBLIGED TO FULFILL A DUTY--NO MISSOURI LAWMAKER HOPED TO DO.</p> <p>BLAKE HANSON, KOMU 8 NEWS, JEFFERSON CITY</p> |

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| ALCOHOL ABUSE | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 2-25 | 10:00 | :30 | <p>ONE PERSON DIES EVERY 50 MINUTES FROM DRUNK DRIVING RELATED CRASHES IN THIS COUNTRY.</p> <p>THIS IS WHAT THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS TRYING PREVENT BY IMPLEMENTING THE CHECKPOINTS.</p> <p>MOTHER'S AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING SEES IT A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY.</p> <p>This is a program for the public to be aware that is an enforcement activity going on."</p> <p>MADD SAYS THE CHECKPOINTS SHOULD BE SEEN AS AN EDUCATIONAL TOOL.</p> <p>THEY FEEL THAT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE ENFORCEMENT ASPECT.</p> <p>AND ONE LAWYER'S CASELOAD PROVES IT.</p> <p>"Usually we get one or two out of maybe twenty."</p> |
| JOBS/ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 2-26 | 6:00 | :20 | <p>DESPITE GAINING ABOUT 76 HUNDRED JOBS LAST MONTH, MISSOURI'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE STAYED STEADY.</p> <p>THE "MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT" REPORTED THE JANUARY JOBLESS RATE WAS NINE POINT SIX PERCENT, THE SAME AS IT WAS IN DECEMBER.</p> <p>JOBS WERE ADDED IN MANY DIFFERENT AREAS LAST MONTH, BUT THEY WERE OFFSET BY JOB LOSSES IN CONSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION DEPARTMENTS.</p> |
| CONSUMER ISSUE | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 2-27 | 10:00 | :30 | <p>THE VIOLENCE IN THE OIL-RICH MIDDLE EAST THAT'S ALREADY UNSEATED TWO LEADERS AND THREATENS ANOTHER IS PUSHING GAS PRICES UP HERE AT HOME. GAS REMAINS AT 3 DOLLARS, 15 CENTS IN COLUMBIA.</p> <p>OIL HIT 100 DOLLARS A BARREL WEDNESDAY</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE SEPTEMBER 2008. THAT'S AFTER OPPOSITION GROUPS HAVE OVERTHROWN RULERS IN TUNISIA AND EGYPT. TODAY, OPPOSITION FORCES ARE CLOSING IN ON TAKING OVER LIBYA'S GOVERNMENT, TOO. INVESTORS ARE CONCERNED THE VIOLENCE COULD SPREAD TO OTHER MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES, TOO.</p> |
| JOBS/ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-1 | 10:00 | 3:03 | <p>JOB POINT IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT'S LINKED PEOPLE WITH JOBS SINCE 1965. EACH YEAR, IT RECOGNIZES JOB SEEKERS WHO OVERCAME CHALLENGES IN ORDER TO GAIN EMPLOYMENT. RHONDA MATTHEWS IS ONE OF THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE.</p> <p>OUTSIDE THE FIFTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, RHONDA MATTHEWS PRACTICES FOR SUNDAY SERVICE. DESPITE THE LYRICS..</p> <p>"Joy...."</p> <p>SHE HASN'T ALWAYS HAD JOY IN HER HEART. "My mom, you're never prepared for it, but we already knew she was sick. But with my sister....oh, it was a blow. "</p> <p>RHONDA LOST BOTH HER MOM AND 28 YEAR OLD SISTER</p> <p>"She put up a good fight."</p> <p>RHONDA HAS THE SAME MEDICAL CONDITION THAT TOOK THE LIVES OF HER FAMILY MEMBERS. HER KIDNEYS WERE ALREADY BEGINNING TO SHUT DOWN</p> |

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| | | | | <p>WHEN THIS MOTHER OF TWO LEARNED SHE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO GIVE UP HER NURSING CAREER.</p> <p>"I was working as a nurse for a long time...ended up having to have three knee surgeries due to being on my feet all the time. The next one my surgeon said I was going to have full knee replacement and that I would have to find something different to do and that's what took me to Job Point. "</p> <p>Jayne Young: "She had been trained in the medical field and was no longer able to do that. We did some career guidance and counseling to talk about a job that would accomodate her disabilities.</p> <p>TANIA COOK: "Job Point provided the opoportunity for her to come in and explore the clerical field and then we provided skills training for her....allowing her to learn a variety of different skills that she had never learned before. "</p> <p>JOB POINT HELPED RHONDA GET A TEMPORARY POSITION AT THE MID MISSOURI BANKRUPTCY CENTER.</p> <p>.</p> <p>"We handle consumer bankruptcies for people who need to get rid of debt."</p> <p>ANSWERING PHONES, FILING AND RECORDING CLIENT INFORMATION.</p> <p>Dianna Long: "She has grown tremendously from what she was hired to be which at first was just a phone answerer basically to actually taking a paralegal role in the office. "</p> <p>LAST YEAR, RHONDA GOT MARRIED....SHE HAS A NEW HOME AND THANKS TO JOB POINT, A NEW FUTURE WITH A CLERICAL CAREER.</p> |
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| | | | | | <p>WHEN IT COMES TO SINGING ABOUT JOY, PERHAPS RHONDA MATTHEWS DOESN'T NEED LYRICS. SHE KNOWS THOSE WORDS BY HEART.</p> <p>"It's a good feeling to know someone is proud of you. I've always been the person to cheer others on and not really knowing how to cheer myself on so...It will be a good feeling."</p> <p>(Singing: Joy.....)</p> |
| ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-2 | 10:00 | :26 | <p>THE STATE'S BUDGET OFFICE RELEASED FEBRUARY'S TOTAL REVENUE NUMBERS.</p> <p>AND THEY SHOW A NEED FOR MORE BUDGET CUTS TO MAKE UP FOR SHORTFALLS.</p> <p>MISSOURI'S TOTAL REVENUE IS DOWN 14.6% FROM LAST FEBRUARY.</p> <p>THE STATE'S LARGEST SOURCE OF REVENUE...INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX IS DOWN 8.73% AND THE LARGEST DECREASE BY FAR COMES FROM MISSOURI'S INTEREST AN 81.8% DECREASE.</p> <p>AT THE SAME TIME THE STATE IS LOOKING AT A POTENTIAL 5 OR 6 HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL FOR 20-11's BUDGET.</p> |
| HEALTH | KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE | 3-3 | 5:00 | :30 | <p>IN FRONT OF A ROOM OF HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS TODAY THE PRESIDENT SAID IT'S TIME FOR CONGRESS TO VOTE ON HEALTH CARE.</p> <p>DEMOCRATS PLAN TO USE A CONTROVERSIAL PROCEDURE CALLED "RECONCILIATION" TO PUSH THE BILL THROUGH THE SENATE.</p> <p>IT'S AN UP OR DOWN MAJORITY VOTE, NEEDING THE SUPPORT OF JUST 51 SENATORS INSTEAD OF 60.</p> <p>IT ALSO PREVENTS ANY REPUBLICAN FILIBUSTERS.</p> |

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| DRUG ABUSE | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 3-4 | 6:00 | :45 | <p>SMOKERS OF THE CONTROVERSIAL SUBSTANCE K-2 MAY SOON HAVE TO KICK THE HABIT....OR FACE FELONY CHARGES.</p> <p>A BILL BANNING THE USE OF K2 HAS MADE ITS WAY FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ONTO THE CHAMBER FLOOR FOR A VOTE.</p> <p>THE BILL WOULD MAKE THE CHEMICAL COMPOUND USED IN K-2 A SCHEDULE ONE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.</p> <p>THAT MEANS THERE'S A HIGH POTENTIAL FOR ABUSE AND</p> <p>IT'S NOT ACCEPTED IN MEDICAL TREATMENT. IT ALSO MEANS THE DRUG COMES WITH HEALTH RISKS.</p> <p>IF THE BILL PASSES</p> <p>IT WOULD BE IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS MARIJUANA, HEROINE, AND METH, AMONG OTHER ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES. W7 182]] C2.5 G 0 [[</p> |
| ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE | 3-5 | 5:00 | :27 | <p>TODAY PREMIERE BANK ANNOUNCED IT WILL SELL ALL THREE OF ITS COLUMBIA LOCATIONS.</p> <p>FIRST STATE COMMUNITY BANK WILL BE THE NEW OWNER-- BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE BRANCH EMPLOYEES WILL KEEP THEIR JOBS.</p> <p>PREMIER'S C-E-O SAYS THE DECISION COMES AFTER THE COMPANY EXPERIENCED HEAVY LOSSES THE PAST TWO YEARS.</p> <p>PREMIER DOESN'T HAVE ANY PLANS TO SELL ITS OTHER LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT MISSOURI.</p> |

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| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 3-6 | 6:00 | :34 | <p>A NINTH-GRADE GIRL IN OAK GROVE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FOR THREE DAYS FOR POSTING DEROGATORY REMARKS ABOUT A CLASSMATE ON FACEBOOK.</p> <p>THE ONLINE DISPUTE BETWEEN MEGAN WISEMORE AND ANOTHER STUDENT CAUSED A PHYSICAL FIGHT AT OAK GROVE HIGH SCHOOL.</p> <p>WISEMORE'S FATHER SAID SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS SUSPENDED MEGAN FOR THREE DAYS FOR THE INTERNET POST THAT APPARENTLY TRIGGERED THE FIGHT.</p> <p>THE MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION SAYS DISTRICTS CAN DISCIPLINE STUDENTS FOR OFF CAMPUS BEHAVIOR IF IT DISRUPTS THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS.</p> |
| CRIME | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-7 | 10:00 | :49 | <p>THE CALLAWAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS THREE TO FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE PARTYING AT THE COMPLEX AT 3:30 A.M. WHEN THE INCIDENTS OCCURRED.</p> <p>A 24-YEAR-OLD COLUMBIA RESIDENT WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED AND TRANSFERRED TO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.</p> <p>A 24-YEAR-OLD ASHLAND RESIDENT AND A 20-YEAR-OLD ST. LOUIS RESIDENT RECEIVED MODERATE INJURIES AND WERE TAKEN TO ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IN JEFFERSON CITY.</p> <p>AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT RELEASED THE NAMES OF THE VICTIMS.</p> <p>SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SAY THE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN DIFFICULT BECAUSE VICTIMS AND WITNESSES ARE NOT COOPERATING.</p> <p>ANYONE WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE SHOOTING CAN CALL THE CALLAWAY COUNTY</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>SHERIFF'S OFFICE... WE'VE PUT THAT NUMBER ON OUR WEB SITE AT KOMU-DOT-COM.</p> <p>WE CALLED A NUMBER LISTED AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX TODAY SEEKING COMMENT.</p> <p>A MAN WHO ANSWERED THE PHONE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT AND DIDN'T COMMENT FURTHER.</p> |
| CRIME | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-8 | 10:00 | :37 | <p>COLUMBIA POLICE SAY THEY THINK THEY KNOW WHO IT IS, BUT NOTHING IS FOR SURE UNTIL TOMORROW.</p> <p>THAT'S WHEN THE AUTOPSY IS SCHEDULED.</p> <p>TODAY I SPOKE WITH COLUMBIA POLICE WHO TELL ME THEY'LL COMPARE MEDICAL RECORDS WITH THE REMAINS TO CONFIRM THE IDENTITY.</p> <p>HOWEVER, NONE OF THIS ANSWERS THE QUESTION: WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS MAN?</p> <p>THE BODY WAS IN THE WOODS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE A BOY DISCOVERED IT SATURDAY MORNING.</p> <p>POLICE SAY THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE MAN WAS HOMELESS AT THE TIME HE DIED.</p> <p>COMPLICATING THE CASE, THE BOY IS 13.</p> <p>POLICE SAY WHILE IT CAN BE DIFFICULT FOR ANYONE TO STUMBLE ON A SCENE LIKE THIS...</p> <p>... ITS ESPECIALLY HARD ON A MINOR.</p> |
| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-9 | 10:00 | :42 | <p>THE BLAIR OAKS SCHOOL DISTRICT IS WARNING STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS THAT IT MAY NOT OFFER SUMMER SCHOOL THIS YEAR.</p> <p>CUTTING FUNDING FOR SUMMER SCHOOL, COULD SAVE THE STATE ABOUT 100-MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR.</p> <p>THIS WOULD TAKE ABOUT 200-THOUSAND DOLLARS AWAY FROM THE BLAIR OAKS DISTRICT.</p> |

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| GOVERNMENT | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-10 | 10:00 | :40 | <p>MISSOURI SENATORS WILL SOON TAKE UP A BILL ALLOWING EMPLOYEES WHO DON'T JOIN UNIONS TO AVOID PAYING FEES.</p> <p>THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK LEGAL DEFENSE FOUNDATION HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON AT THE CAPITOL.</p> <p>THE RIGHT TO WORK BILL WOULD PROHIBIT FORCING MISSOURI WORKERS TO PAY UNION FEES AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT.</p> <p>REPUBLICANS SAY IT'S A LONG OVERDUE, BUT DEMOCRATS ARE CALLING IT "RIGHT TO WORK FOR LESS".</p> |
| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE | 3-11 | 5:00 | :24 | <p>MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL KIDS WILL BE GOING TO SCHOOL ONLY FOUR DAYS A WEEK NEXT YEAR. THE MOVE WAS MADE TO DEAL WITH TRANSPORTATION CUTS THE STATE IS MAKING.</p> <p>THE SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES THE DISTRICT WILL SAVE ABOUT 150- THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR.</p> <p>TO COMPENSATE, SCHOOL DAYS WILL BE 59 MINUTES LONGER.</p> <p>THE SUPERINTENDENT SAYS THIS WAS A CAREFUL DECISION, BASED ON TRANSPORTATION COSTS..</p> |
| CONSUMER ISSUES | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 3-12 | 6:00 | :45 | <p>COLUMBIA'S WINTER FARMERS MARKET IS WINDING IT'S FIRST SEASON.</p> <p>THE WINTER FARMERS MARKET ALLOWED VENDORS TO CONTINUE TO SELL THEIR WINTER SEASON PRODUCTS WHILE ALSO STAYING WARM INSIDE.</p> <p>ONE VENDER SAID THAT EVERY SATURDAY THEY HAVE SEEN A STEADY FLOW OF CUSTOMERS.</p> <p>TODAY MARKET "GO-ERS" COULD FIND FREE RANGE EGGS, FRESH PASTA, AND A VARIETY OF VEGETABLES.</p> |

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| CONSUMER ISSUES | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-13 | 10:00 | 2:02 | <p>THE DAYS OF COLLECTING BANK STATEMENTS ARE GONE...</p> <p>IF YOU WANT THEM TO BE...</p> <p>PAPER BANK RECORDS REPLACED BY THESE... IPHONES AND ANDROIDS.</p> <p>"You used to have to go to each individual financial provider's website and now you can just go into one place."</p> <p>ANDREW ZUMWALT TRACKS TECH TRENDS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI'S FINANCIAL PLANNING OFFICE.</p> <p>HE SAYS BUDGETING GOT EASIER WITH WEBSITES LIKE MINT DOT COM.</p> <p>"It'll actually pull information from your debit cards and credit cards and other financial accounts."</p> <p>AND NOW, THOSE WEBSITES OFFER FREE APPS YOU CAN DOWNLOAD STRAIGHT TO YOUR PHONE.</p> <p>"With these apps, it basically extends that desktop experience or laptop experience to your hand when you're in the store."</p> <p>"It's easy... You go online to link your bank accounts to Mint. With just a few keystrokes, you can set up monthly budgets on everything from necessities like car payments to things some claim are necessities, like your morning cup of Joe."</p> <p>THEN, WHEN YOU VISIT YOUR FAVORITE COFFEE HOUSE ONE TOO MANY TIMES, MINT SENDS YOU AN ALERT</p> <p>"You can see that, oh, I shouldn't actually buy this frappacino because I'm about to go over my Starbucks budget."</p> <p>MINT SAYS IT HAS BANK-LEVEL SECURITY ON ITS SITE, AND YOU CAN'T MOVE MONEY...ONLY LOOK AT YOUR FINANCIAL STANDING.</p> <p>BUT TRACKING COFFEE CONSUMPTION ISN'T THE ONLY WAY TO PUT THESE PHONES TO USE.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>WHILE PAPER BANK STATEMENTS MAY BE THINGS OF THE PAST, SOME SAY CLIPPING COUPONS OUT OF THE NEWSPAPER IS, TOO.</p> <p>"Everything is changing toward the electronic."</p> <p>KEN BOLES OWNS GRAPHIC AIR.</p> <p>HIS COLUMBIA-BASED COMPANY DESIGNS APPS FOR RESTAURANTS AND OTHER STORES.</p> <p>FOR A LITTLE LESS THAN A THOUSAND BUCKS A YEAR, BUSINESSES GET AN APP TO OFFER EXCLUSIVE VIRTUAL COUPONS AT THEIR STORES. THEY ALSO GET UNLIMITED TEXT MESSAGING TO TELL CUSTOMERS WHO'VE SIGNED UP ABOUT THE DEALS.</p> <p>"When you have the app on there and send out a text, that phone rings, you see what it is. Oh, that's it. We're right near there. Let's go grab a bite. We've got a coupon for this right now."</p> <p>BOLES SAYS CUSTOMERS CAN WALK INTO THE STORE, SHOW THE APP, AND THEY GET THE DISCOUNT.</p> <p>HE SAYS ABOUT A DOZEN LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE USING THE SERVICE.</p> <p>"It enabled the web to become part of your phone and actually having those coupons available. Instead of having, oh, I clipped it out, I forgot to bring it with me. It's laying on the table. I know -- I'm sorry, honey."</p> |
| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-14 | 10:00 | "37 | <p>COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER SALARY RAISES OPERATE ON A STEP PROGRAM - WHERE RAISES ARE BASED ON EXPERIENCE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION.</p> <p>BUT TEACHER SALARIES WERE FROZEN BETWEEN 2008 TO 2010.</p> <p>HERE IS HOW THE APPROVED PLAN BROKE DOWN.</p> <p>THE OPERATIONS SALARY FOR EXPERIENCE OF BUILDING ADMINISTRATION NOW WILL BE BUDGETED AT 1 POINT 9 MILLION.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>THEY APPROVED THE OPERATION CREDIT FOR ADVANCEMENT BUDGETED TO 635 THOUSAND DOLLARS...</p> <p>THE 1 PERCENT INDEX FOR IMPROVEMENT FOR SCHEDULE IS NOW AT 85 THOUSAND DOLLARS...</p> <p>AND FINALLY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND PHYSICAL THERAPY IS NOW BUDGETED AT 85-HUNDRED DOLLARS.</p> <p>BUT THIS PLAN WAS NOT WITHOUT DEBATE FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES...</p> |
| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 3-15 | 6:00 | :47 | <p>LAWMAKERS WANT MORE MONEY FOR SCHOOL BUSES - --35 MILLION MORE.</p> <p>THE HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY ADDRESSING AMENDMENTS TO RESTORE MONEY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION.</p> <p>IT CAN ACCEPT AN INCREASE OR REJECT IT.</p> <p>LAST YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATED 153 MILLION DOLLARS FOR SCHOOL BUSES.</p> <p>BUT GOVERNOR NIXON WITHHELD ABOUT 70 MILLION DUE TO THE ECONOMY. ,</p> <p>THIS LEFT THE TOTAL FUNDING AT 83 MILLION DOLLARS,</p> <p>SINCE THE ECONOMY DID IMPROVE SLIGHTLY, LAWMAKERS ASKED THE GOVERNOR TO RELEASE MORE FUNDING.</p> <p>HE RELEASED ABOUT 15 MILLION, WHICH LEFT FUNDING FOR EDUCATION TRANSPORATION. AT ABOUT 98 MILLION DOLLARS.</p> <p>HE IS ASKING FOR THE SAME AMOUNT THIS YEAR, BUT SOME LAWMAKERS WANT THE FULL AMOUNT OF 150 MILLION FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION.</p> <p>ONE OFFICIAL SAYS EITHER WAY, AN INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS WOULD GO A LONG WAY.</p> |

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| GOVERNMENT | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 3-16 | 6:00 | :21 | <p>PROTESTORS FROM ALL OVER MID-MISSOURI SHOWED UP AT THE STATE CAPITOL TODAY</p> <p>THEY ARE UPSET BY SENATE BILL 113 AND ITS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PUPPY MILL CRUELTY PREVENTION ACT.</p> <p>THE BILL WOULD REPEAL PORTIONS OF PROP B SUCH AS THE FIFTY ANIMAL LIMIT FOR BREEDERS.</p> <p>PROTESTOR KIKI STARK SAYS THE BILL DOESN'T REPRESENT THE ONE MILLION VOTERS WHO APPROVED PROP B BUT ONE SUPPORTER DISAGREES.</p> |
| CRIME | KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE | 3-17 | 5:00 | :23 | <p>OFFICIALS SAID TODAY THE MOST COMMON THEFT PROBLEM FOR FARMERS IS MISSING EQUIPMENT.</p> <p>THE LIVESTOCK AND FARM PROTECTION TASK FORCE ANNOUNCED IT HAS RECOVERED TWO POINT FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FROM RURAL CRIME INVESTIGATIONS SINCE AUGUST 2009.</p> <p>THE MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, ONE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS LEADING THE INVESTIGATION, SAYS THE MOST COMMON PROBLEMS IN MID MISSOURI ARE THEFT OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS ON FARMS.</p> |
| CONSUMER ISSUE | KOMU 8 NEWS TODAY | 3-18 | 6:00 | :30 | <p>NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING REVENUE FELL TO A 25-YEAR LOW LAST YEAR AS MORE ADVERTISERS PUT MONEY INTO DIGITAL MEDIA.</p> <p>ONLINE ADS ARE CONSIDERABLY CHEAPER THAN THEIR PRINT COUNTERPARTS.</p> <p>THE NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA REPORT SAID ADVERTISERS SPENT AROUND 23 BILLION DOLLARS ON PRINT NEWSPAPER ADS IN 20-10...</p> <p>THAT'S MORE THAN AN 8-PERCENT DECLINE FROM THE YEAR BEFORE.</p> |

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| EDUCATION | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 3-19 | 6:00 | :20 | <p>MID-MISSOURIAN'S FILLED THE HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM THIS AFTERNOON.</p> <p>TODAY WAS THE SECOND ANNUAL FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION CONFERENCE.</p> <p>MORE THAN THREE-HUNDRED-EIGHTY STUDENTS, PARENTS AND FACULTY CAME TOGETHER TO LISTEN TO A MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER AND TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE.</p> <p>THE GOAL OF THE EVENT WAS TO MAKE SURE STUDENTS KNOW TO NEVER GIVE UP.</p> |
| CRIME | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-20 | 10:00 | :1:02 | <p>COLUMBIA POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN TONIGHT WHO THEY SAY IS IMPERSONATING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.</p> <p>GOOD EVENING I'M ANGIE BAILEY.</p> <p>AND I'M RICO BUSH -- THANKS FOR JOINING US.</p> <p>THE SUSPECT FIRST IMPERSONATED AN OFFICER ON FRIDAY AND THEN AGAIN AROUND FOUR THIS MORNING -- THIS TIME POINTING A GUN AT THE VICTIM.</p> <p>POLICE SAY THE LATEST INCIDENT INVOLVED THE SUSPECT FOLLOWING A VICTIM ON VAWTER ROAD -- FLASHING HIS LIGHTS.</p> <p>THE VICTIM TOLD POLICE THE SUSPECT'S CAR -- A BLACK IMPALA -- TRIED TO CUT HIS VEHICLE OFF WHEN HE DIDN'T STOP.</p> <p>WHEN THEY BOTH STOPPED -- THE SUSPECT THEN GOT OUT OF HIS CAR AND POINTED A GUN AT THE VICTIM.</p> <p>AFTER THE VICTIM REFUSED TO PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION -- THE SUSPECT GOT BACK IN HIS CAR AND DROVE AWAY.</p> <p>THE VICTIM IS OKAY.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>THIS FOLLOWS A SIMILAR INCIDENT INVOLVING A WOMAN WHO DESCRIBED A MAN FOLLOWING HER FROM SOUTHSIDE PIZZA ON FRIDAY.</p> <p>THE SUSPECT IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, IN HIS MID 30S, AROUND 6 FEET TALL WITH BLUE EYES AND RED HAIR.</p> <p>IF YOU SEE A BLACK IMPALA WITH DAMAGE TO THE PASSENGER SIDE DOOR OR A MAN FITTING THIS DESCRIPTION POLICE ASK THAT YOU CALL CRIMESTOPPERS AT 8-7-5-TIPS.</p> |
| CONSUMER ISSUES | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-21 | 10:00 | :36 | <p>IT USED TO BE A MILESTONE FOR PARENTS.</p> <p>YOUR CHILD TURNS ONE -- TIME TO FACE THE CARSEAT FORWARD.</p> <p>AFTER THE TODDLER YEARS THEY GRADUATE TO A BOOSTER SEAT.</p> <p>BY MIDDLE SCHOOL THEY CAN CALL "SHOTGUN".</p> <p>THE AAP NOW SAYS PARENTS SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THE CHILD IS 2 YEARS OLD TO FACE FORWARD.</p> <p>BOOSTER SEATS ARE RECOMMENDED UNTIL A CHILD IS 4-FOOT-9, AND BETWEEN 8 AND 12 YEARS OLD.</p> <p>AND FINALLY -- THE AAP SAYS CHILDREN SHOULD STAY IN THE BACKSEAT UNTIL THEY'RE 13.</p> <p>ITS MEANT FOR SAFETY BUT SOME PARENTS WONDER IF ITS REALLY WORTH THE DAILY BATTLE.</p> <p>FOR ONE COLUMBIA MOM WITH AN 8-YEAR OLD, THE BACKSEAT RESTRICTIONS AND BOOSTER SEAT CAN CAUSE A FEW HEADACHES.</p> |
| ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-22 | 10:00 | :34 | <p>VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS IN CALLAWAY COUNTY SAID TODAY THEY'RE WORRIED FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS COULD LIMIT OR END SOME VOLUNTEER SERVICES IN MID MISSOURI.</p> <p>SERVE INC SAYS THE CUTS COULD REALLY HURT</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>PROGRAMS LIKE AMERICORPS AND THE RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS.</p> <p>COORDINATORS SAY FEDERAL FUNDING HELPS LOCAL COMMUNITIES BY FINDING IDEAL VOLUNTEERS FOR DIFFERENT SITUATIONS.</p> |
| CRIME | KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX | 3-22 | 6:00 | :17 | <p>THE HUNT FOR A POLICE IMPERSONATOR IS OVER.</p> <p>COLUMBIA POLICE ARRESTED ZACHARY RUGEN LATE LAST NIGHT.</p> <p>THE ARRESTING OFFICER RECOGNIZED RUGEN, SEARCHED HIS CAR AND FOUND ITEMS RELATING TO THE CRIMES.</p> <p>RUGEN MADE STATEMENTS LINKING HIM TO THE CRIMES BACK AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.</p> <p>HIS BOND IS SET AT MORE THAN 10-THOUSAND DOLLARS.</p> |
| CONSUMER ISSUES | KOMU 8 NEWS TEN | 3-23 | 10:00 | :45 | <p>COLUMBIA PARTICIPATED IN THE WORLD WIDE TWITTER FESTIVAL TODAY</p> <p>A NUMBER OF LOCAL BUSINESS DONATED FOOD, DRINKS, AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS TO THE TWESITVAL.</p> <p>ITEMS UP FOR BIDDING INCLUDED NUMEROUS GIFTS CARDS AND 3 RETWEETS FROM FORMER MISSOURI TIGER QUATERBACK CHASE DANIEL.</p> <p>VOLUNTEERS RUN THE TWESTIVAL, AND ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE BOONE COUNTY FAMILY RESOURCES WHICH PROVIDES SERVICES FOR COLUMBIANS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. WE CAUGHT UP WITH SCOTT WINLEY, THE PUBLICITY CHAIR FOR THE SOCIAL MEDIA CLUB IN MID MISSOURI.</p> |

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| CRIME | KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE | 3-24 | 5:00 | :50 | <p>PROSECUTORS HAVE CHARGED ANOTHER JEFFERSON CITY MAN WITH UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON BY SHOOTING AT A VEHICLE AND KILLING ANOTHER MAN.</p> <p>POLICE ARRESTED 28 YEAR OLD TERRELL (TURRELL) EDWARDS IN KANSAS CITY ON WEDNESDAY.</p> <p>POLICE SAY IT ALL STARTED WHEN A PHYSICAL ARGUMENT ERUPTED AT THE RUMORS NIGHTCLUB BETWEEN EDWARDS AND A WOMAN IN THE EARLY MORNING OF MARCH 12.</p> <p>POLICE SAY EDWARDS THEN WENT TO ANOTHER CLUB, COLLEGE COMPLEX, WHERE ANOTHER FIGHT ENSUED BETWEEN EDWARDS, BELLAMY, AND THEIR FRIENDS.</p> <p>THE CLUB SHUT DOWN EARLY BECAUSE OF THE SCALE OF THE FIGHT</p> <p>POLICE SAY AFTER THE FIGHT, EDWARDS AND HIS FRIENDS SHOT AT THE CAR BELLAMY WAS RIDING IN NEAR THE CORNER OF WEST DUNKLIN AND BROADWAY STREET.</p> <p>A BULLET STRUCK BELLAMY IN THE HEAD KILLING HIM.</p> |
| CRIME | KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE | 3-25 | 5:00 | :40 | <p>BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTIES ARE STILL ON THE LOOKOUT FOR TWO SUSPECTS INVOLVED IN AN ARMED ROBBERY.</p> <p>AROUND 10:15 LAST NIGHT, POLICE RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF A ROBBERY AT FASTLANE 66 CONVENIENCE STORE ON ROANOKE DRIVE.</p> <p>STORE CLERKS TOLD AUTHORITIES THAT TWO MALE SUSPECTS ENTERED THE STORE, DISPLAYED HAND GUNS AND DEMANDED CASH.</p> <p>THE SUSPECTS LEFT ON FOOT AFTER TAKING AN UNDISCLOSED AMOUNT OF MONEY.</p> <p>AUTHORITIES ARE NOT RELEASING ANY OTHER INFORMATION AT THIS TIME.</p> |

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| GOVERNMENT | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-26 | 10:00 | 1:02 | <p>WHETHER AT HOME OR AT CHURCH--ARTHUR BROWN'S WORKING ON PROPOSITION A.</p> <p>IF JEFFERSON CITY VOTES YES---ALLIED WASTE WILL NO LONGER BE THE SOLE TRASH COLLECTOR IN THE CAPITAL CITY.</p> <p>THIS MONTH---BROWN'S OPPOSITION GROUP'S FORMED--CALLED THE CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE PROGRESS.</p> <p>"They're tring to get the people that would normally not come out to vote during these elections to come out and vote because we have a good shot at winning this."</p> <p>"This is a sample ballot that Jefferson City residents will get April 5th. Notice that Proposition A is located in the bottom left hand corner. Mayor John Landwehr says that if people vote yes on April 5th, no one will be able to pick up trash in Jefferson City."</p> <p>"Instead of me paying \$15 a month for once a week trash and curbside recycling, some company's going to come out of the blue and in a competitive environment and provide me that same service for \$12 a month...that's crazy."</p> <p>LANDWEHR SAYS THAT DURING THE BIDDING PROCESS IN 2009---ONLY ONE COMPANY MADE A LOW ENOUGH BID---ALLIED WASTE WHO CHARGES 15 DOLLARS A MONTH FOR PICKUP.</p> <p>IN NOVEMBER OF 2009 THE CITY ENTERED THEIR CONTRACT.</p> <p>RESIDENTS LIKE BROWN THOUGH---WANT TO GIVE RESIDENTS THE CHOICE WHETHER TO USE ALLIED.</p> <p>JONATHAN KETZ---KOMU 8 NEWS---JEFFERSON CITY.</p> |
| HEALTH | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-27 | 10:00 | :47 | <p>REPUBLICAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAVE SCHATZ TOLD US TODAY HE WANTS TO REQUIRE YOU TO HAVE A DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION TO BUY SUDAFED AND OTHER COLD AND ALLERGY MEDICINES.</p> <p>TAKE VO</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>HE'S THE SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 658-- CALLED THE "METH LAB ELIMINATION ACT," WHICH WOULD MAKE MEDICATIONS LIKE CLARITIN-D AND ADVIL COLD AND SINUS ILLEGAL WITHOUT A DOCTOR'S PERSCRIPTION.</p> <p>BUT COLUMBIA RESIDENT JOHN BUDD--- IS AGAINST THE PROPOSED LAW.</p> <p>HE HAS FRIENDS THAT USE THE MEDICINE---AND WONDERS IF THEY'LL STILL BE ABLE TO GET IT ON A REGULAR BASIS.</p> |
| GOVERNMENT | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-28 | 10:00 | :27 | <p>THE APRIL ELECTION IS A WEEK FROM TODAY. COLUMBIA VOTERS HAVE SEVERAL DECISIONS. ONE ITEM ON THE BALLOT IS PROPOSITION ONE. WHETHER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE MAYOR SHOULD BE COMPENSATED FOR THEIR SERVICE.</p> <p>CURRENTLY NONE OF THEM ARE PAID.</p> <p>IF PASSED, STARTING IN 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE SIX THOUAND DOLLARS A YEAR AND THE MAYOR WILL RECEIVE NINE THOUSAND.</p> <p>NOT EVERYONE THINKS PAYING THE COUNCIL MEMBERS IS A GOOD IDEA.</p> |
| ECONOMY | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-29 | 10:00 | 1:17 | <p>THE STATE'S APPLYING FOR FEDERAL MONEY TO FUND RAIL LINE PROJECTS THAT WILL RUN JUST SHY OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS.</p> <p>"Almost four hundred million of that would be enhancements on the exisiting corridor and then 600 million of that would be to begin the development towards a new dedicated corridor, high speed rail corridor."</p> <p>THAT CORRIDOR WOULD RUN THROUGH MID-MISSOURI, CONNECTING ST. LOUIS TO KANSAS CITY.</p> <p>MODOT HOPES THE FASTER RAIL LINE WOULD</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>IMPROVE AMTRACKS 92 PERCENT ON TIME PERFORMANCE,</p> <p>AMTRACK RIDER, ANITA DIXON SAYS THE FASTER LINES WOULD ALLEVIATE A LOT OF PROBLEMS. "I should've been on the train at 11:30, so if I have some place to be at a certain time, I'm late."</p> <p>MOVING FASTER AND PAYING LESS ARE WHAT ATTRACTS TRAVELERS.</p> <p>TO TRAVEL BY TRAIN, A ROUND TRIP FROM KANSAS CITY TO JEFFERSON CITY, COSTS ANITA...</p> <p>"44 DOLLARS"</p> <p>VERSUS</p> <p>"60, 65 DOLLARS"</p> <p>... TO DRIVE.</p> <p>"And as gas prices have gone up, so has the demand to travel by train, which is a much less expensive way to travel from point A to point B."</p> <p>TRAIN RIDERSHIP IN MISSOURI INCREASED BY 16 PERCENT SINCE LAST SUMMER.</p> <p>WITH AN INCREASING DEMAND, GOVERNOR NIXON SAYS HE PLANS TO PUSH FOR THE GRANT.</p> <p>"I'm pleased to announe an exciting opportunity to enhance rail transit, create jobs and grow Missouri's economy"</p> <p>MODOT ESTIMATES THE PROJECTS WOULD CREATE MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND JOBS.</p> <p>ERICA COGHILL, KOMU8 NEWS, JEFFERSON CITY.</p> |
| HEALTH | KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE | 3-30 | 5:00 | :41 | <p>LAWMAKERS MET IN A HEARING TODAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL, LOOKING TO ADD A NEW REQUIRED TEST FOR NEWBORNS...</p> <p>THE SO-CALLED "CHLOE'S LAW" WOULD MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR HOSPITALS TO TEST FOR SOME HEART DEFFECTS BEFORE DISCHARGING NEWBORNS.</p> <p>REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AMERICAN PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERNS OVER THE PRACTICALITY OF THESE TESTS FOR RURAL HOSPITALS.</p> <p>KELLY MANZ'S DAUGHTER CHLOE IS THE</p> |

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| | | | | | INSPIRATION BEHIND THE BILL AFTER A VERY CLOSE CALL AT HER BIRTH. |
| CRIME | KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN | 3-31 | 10:00 | 3:40 | <p>(NATS GUN CYLINDER SPINNING IN CIRCLE) IT'S A CYCLE COLUMBIA HAS SEEN BEFORE. "It's at a little bit of a peek right now, but we've had other peeks just like it." (NATS GUN SHOTS, SHELL FALLING, GUN SHOT, SHELL FALLING.) GUN VIOLENCE AMONG COLUMBIA'S YOUTH. IN JANUARY A TEACHER FOUND A STUDENT WITH A LOADED GUN AT DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL. THE SAME TEENS WERE TIED TO A SHOOTING AT TOWN AND COUNTRY BOWLING ALLEY, WHERE ONE PERSON WAS HIT BUT WITH MINOR INJURIES.. LEUTENANT SCOTT YOUNG IS A PROFESSIONAL CLASS SHOOTER... "I'm kind of the gun guru." AND HAS WORKED FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DURING MANY OF THESE "CYCLES". "Two or three years ago we arrested and sent 18 people to federal prison for organized gun activity." THE PEEKS, YOUNG SAYS, ARE GANG-FEUD RELATED. BUT THIS TIME... (NATS OF GUN SHOTS) ... IT'S ON A <i>SMALLER</i> SCALE. "We're talking this is four or five people maybe six who have some kind of feud going on probably and they're mad at each other, so they're shooting at people, and they're not, you know, very good at it because they're shooting at people who aren't involved." AS CONTAINED AS <i>THIS</i> PEEK'S VIOLENCE WAS, IT STILL HAD A RIPPLE EFFECT...AND WHO THOSE RIPPLES AFFECTED MIGHT SURPRISE YOU. IT TURNS OUT GUN VIOLENCE HAS MADE</p> |

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| | | | | <p>PEOPLE MORE INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO SHOOT...WHICH IS GOOD FOR THE DRIVING RANGE DALE ROBERT WORKS AT.</p> <p>"Certainly the criminal activity drives customers to our door. I work here part time in terms of sales and it certainly results in more people wanting to protect themselves in their homes and their cars.</p> <p>AND MORE INTEREST IN PROTECTION, LEADS TO MORE INTEREST IN CONCEAL AND CARRY LAWS.</p> <p>"It also results in more people wanting to take the conceal and carry classes so they can learn not only how to defend themselves, but when they can lawfully do so."</p> <p>CURRENTLY, YOU MUST BE 23 TO CONCEAL AND CARRY A LOADED GUN IN MISSOURI, HOWEVER...</p> <p>SOME LAWMAKERS ARE TRYING TO CHANGE THAT.</p> <p>"The new bill would lower the age needed to get a conceal and carry permit from 21 to 23 aslong as the individual has an "assumed residency" in the state."</p> <p>AS WELL AS BEING GOOD FOR HIS BUSINESS, DALE BELIEVES THIS WILL ALSO BRING A LOT MORE MONEY TO THE STATE.</p> <p>"Since missouri recognizes conceal and carry permits from every state, we're giving all of those states the revenue from those permits. We'd have a lot to gain by bringing them into the fold here in missouri."</p> <p>STATE REPRESENTATIVE JILL SCHUPP THINKS THAT ISN'T WHERE THE PRIORITY SHOULD BE.</p> <p>"Well the state might gain money, but I think that safety is really what I'm talking about here. I think that public safety is so much more importantin this enviornment.....we had it right here in Missouri. 23 year olds, if they've gone to college, are already in a new stage of their lives.."</p> <p>NOW THAT THE CONCEAL AND CARRY LAW PASSED IN THE HOUSE, IT AWAITS A DECISION IN THE SENATE.</p> <p>LAURA HIBBARD, KOMU 8 NEWS, COLUMBIA.</p> |
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